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Transactions on account of yellow fever at Laredo, Tex.—Stegomyia prevalent in New Laredo—Incomplete sanitary work.

Passed Assistant Surgeon Richardson reports as follows:

LAREDO, TEX., May 19, 1904.

I am informed by persons living in New Laredo that *Stegomyia* are very prevalent in that city, and though I have not myself seen any adult mosquitoes there, I have found larvæ in every water barrel in that city into which I have had opportunity to look. Yesterday, in company with Doctor Spohn, I found in the outskirts of New Laredo a flower garden in which were four water containers, each one swarming with larvæ.

It is my observation that whatever sanitary work that is done in New Laredo is confined to the section around the United States consulate and the main plaza, and it is certain that the order allowing only 1 barrel to each premises is not enforced.

There is an almost constant breeze from New Laredo across the Rio Grande to this city, and I am strongly of the opinion that there is a constant, if very limited, influx of *Stegomyia* brought about by this wind.

MAY 24, 1904.

RICHARDSON, *Laredo, Tex.*:

Have you called the attention of the mayor of Laredo, Mexico, to the incomplete sanitary work mentioned your letter 19th? Bureau has referred copy to Liceaga.

WYMAN.

Extermination of mosquitoes at Laredo almost complete.

LAREDO, TEX., May 24, 1904.

Passed Assistant-Surgeon Richardson transmits the following clipping from the Laredo Daily Times, issue of May 23, 1904:

DEARTH OF MOSQUITOES.

Their almost total absence from the city a subject of remark.

"The almost total absence of mosquitoes in any portion of the city is a subject of remark among the citizens. Laredo never before saw a time when it was so clear of the stinging, disease-carrying pest as now. This time last year mosquitoes swarmed all over the city. It was absolutely necessary to sleep under a bar if one obtained any rest. Now the citizens say they do not think of using a bar.

"The Marine-Hospital Service has done the business. The health department of the National Government has spent thousands of dollars, and it has had scores of men employed for nearly a year in the work of destroying the mosquito pest. It is a herculean job to destroy the mosquitoes of a city, and especially a city that is situated in an everlasting summer climate and with every facility to promote the breeding of the pest.

"That the Marine-Hospital Service has done its work faithfully and effectively the almost total absence of mosquitoes attest. Laredo owes an everlasting debt to these faithful officials who have labored unceasingly to bring about this state of affairs. They have added